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GERMANS PRESSING THE ALLIES BACK

The latest news from the big battle on the Western front has been made and a considerable number of men and guns captured. The enormous masses of men concentrated at certain points along with heavy artillery have forced the allies back and there is considerable apprehension as to the result. It is the most terrible battle of the war and Germany evidently is making everything on this drive.

The United States troops have now reached the front after a long forced march, more than 100,000 are estimated to have arrived. We must be prepared for long casualty lists.

COMMISSION CANDIDATES CHOSEN IN HUNTINGTON

Voters of Huntington, in a primary election Tuesday, named the following candidates for the Board of Commissioners:

Republicans—Floyd Chapman, Lon S. Wiley, Mat Miner and J. A. Plymale. Democrats—Rufus Switzer, H. Clay Warth, William Arnett and L. D. Newman.

One of the surprises of the election was the failure of L. A. Pollock, who has been commissioner since the commission form of government was adopted in 1909, to be nominated. Pollock had the support of the Republican city organization. Another surprise was the defeat of Harvey C. Taylor, the candidate of the city Democratic organization. Two candidates of each party will be elected to the Board of Commissioners in the general election May 6.

HOSPITAL NEWS.

George Carveth, a foreigner, was brought to Riverview Hospital Monday from the McKinney Steel Company's mines in Pike county. He was crushed by a fall of slate and died a few minutes after arrival.

Mrs. Jennie Piggan, of Prestonsburg, is here for treatment.

Miss Rose, of Kermitt, was brought in a few days ago suffering from Bright's Disease.

Jim Stepp, of Kermitt, injured by being thrown from a horse, is a recent arrival.

DR. VINSON VOLUNTEERS

Dr. Lindsey J. Vinson, of Huntington, has enlisted as a surgeon in the service and will go to France. He is a son of Hon. Sam Vinson, deceased, and is one of the leading physicians of Huntington.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Subscriptions for the third Liberty Loan follow: Boyd, \$495,400; Carter, \$102,099; Floyd, \$102,950; Johnson, \$113,400; Lawrence, \$117,750; Letcher, \$124,750; Magaffin, \$121,950; Morgan, \$40,900; Pike, \$152,700; Martin, \$7,900.

LEG INJURED BY MILL

John Preston was brought from Georges Creek to Riverview Hospital Tuesday with an injured foot and leg. He was employed at a saw mill operated by Hamilton Preston and the engine "ran away" injuring John and tearing up some of the apparatus.

THE WEATHER

The temperature fell to the freezing point Tuesday in this section and on Wednesday morning we were much surprised to see the ground thoroughly covered with snow. The flakes continued to fall throughout the day.

ICE PIERS AT LOUISA.

Congressman Fields has introduced a bill providing for the erection of ice piers or breaks in Big Sandy river at Louisa. This has been asked for by river men with a view to making this a safe harbor in winter.

WEST VIRGINIA'S QUOTA

Call for 1,029 men from West Virginia to be sent to Camp Meade, Md. April 26 to 30, has been announced. Wayne County's quota is 16, Cabell county, 43; Mingo, 22; Logan, 33; McDowell, 46.

FULTZ, KY.

Farmers are very busy with their spring work preparing for a large crop this year. There is going to be a considerable amount of tobacco put out this year in this community.

John Littleton and family are visiting relatives and friends in Ashland this week.

T. J. Littleton, our section foreman, is kept busy with his crew of men repairing the railroad tracks.

J. M. Cooksey had business on Four Mile last week.

Charley Shepherd purchased a fine horse from Arch Leon last week.

Nettie McDoyle, who has been visiting her sister at this place, has returned to her home in Ashland.

Ray and Joe Cooksey are visiting their grandmother at Glenwood, Ky.

Elizabeth Watson and Bessie Cooksey were calling on Grace and Clara Littleton Sunday evening.

There will be church here the third Sunday and Sunday night by Bro. Butler Hall from Hitchens, Ky.

Mrs. Cora Cooksey sold a fine horse a few days ago to Mrs. Joe Bays up on Little Sandy.

Several of the boys are expecting to go to the army soon.

Miss Hattie Leon, who has been on Barnette Creek for some time, has returned home.

Buckskin.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS IN THE HEART OF BATTLE.

In the beginning of the present great battle in Europe the United States engineer forces building railroad lines and roads near the front distinguished themselves.

When the German attack began the Americans were working in the rear lines, under Canadian command. They quickly threw down their tools and seized their weapons with which they had been armed for some months and formed themselves into a fighting unit. The Germans came on and finally reached the positions where the Americans were working.

Number is Small. The exact number of engineers cannot be given, but they were comparatively small. They had no intention of retreating, however, and were bent upon killing all the Germans possible.

As the first gray enemy advanced, the American forces let them come until they were within certain range then opened fire, pouring in a storm of bullets. Gas appeared in the advancing lines at many places, some of them large, where the machine guns had chewed through. Still the German waves came on, without firing a single shot—just advancing.

The Americans were unable to understand their tactics, but nevertheless were certain that it was a question of slaughtering the enemy or being themselves smothered under the advance. By this time their weapons were so hot that they could not be used effectively and the enemy was close, so that the engineers retired, fighting, took up another position; then turned and began operation again. A British officer who witnessed the engagement is reported to have said:

"They held on by their teeth until the last moment, inflicting terrific casualties on the enemy. Then they moved back and waited for the Germans and repeated the performance." By the time the engineers had reached a place somewhere near Oyon they were nearly exhausted and almost without equipment. There they were given a chance to rest and re-equip. According to all reports they were entitled to it, for certainly they gave the Germans a generous sample of what is to be expected from the American army.

EXPERT ACCOUNTANT.

The Ashland Independent contained the following in regard to Mr. Eba, a grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Hatcher, of Louisa:

George M. Eba, of Colorado, who is employed as an expert accountant, passed through Ashland enroute to Washington, D. C., where he goes to do some special work. Mr. Eba sent an advance wire to his father, John H. Eba, that he would pass through here and Mr. and Mrs. Eba and daughter Elizabeth met him at the train and accompanied him as far as Huntington. Mr. Eba after being in Washington awhile will go on to Boston and also to New York for special work. He has the honor of being efficient in the line of business.

"IT IS FOR LIBERTY."

"One of the best Liberty Loan subscriptions reported at a Cincinnati luncheon, according to Chairman T. J. Davis, was that announced by Capt. Hunter Monday. "We visited a German this morning, a man whose parents live in Germany. Whose brother is in the army of the enemy, who recently has taken out his first citizenship papers, who has three children, who gets \$50 a month wages, and he said: "Give me one of those \$30.00 bonds. It is for liberty."

Death of W. F. Shipman

Mr. W. F. Shipman died at his home in Ashland last Saturday morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was 58 years. A wife survives him. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. A. Slaughter, of the M. E. Church South. Interment was made in the Ashland cemetery. Mr. Shipman was a genial popular man, a leading merchant, and a high Mason. He was buried with the honors of the order.

The merchandising business established by Mr. Shipman will be continued under the management of G. A. Nash, brother-in-law, who has had charge of the shoe department of a large Louisville store.

HARRY MARRS WINS PROMOTION IN ARMY

Big Sandy to the front again. Harry, son of W. A. Marra, formerly of Louisa but now of Cincinnati, has been made a sergeant at Camp Sherman and his picture appears first in a colored supplement issued by the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune last Sunday. Harry entered the army as a Cincinnati boy, but being a Big Sandy man he soon climbed over those ordinary Cincinnati fellows. Harry's friends in the valley are proud of him and it is needless to say that his father is enthusiastic over the young man's good record.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

"To Have and to Hold" is the subject for the morning service. "Two Ways and the Results" is the subject for the evening service.

Morning service at 10:30. Evening 7:30.

Junior League at 2 p. m.

Senior League at 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject: "A Question of Jesus."

Sunday school 9 a. m. Augustus Snyder, superintendent.

Herbert O. Chambers, pastor.

MR. B. F. THOMAS HAS DESIRABLE PROMOTION

ADVANCED TO U. S. ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF CINCINNATI DISTRICT

It will delight the many friends of Mr. B. F. Thomas to learn that he has won a deserved position in the United States engineer service. He is to have charge of the Second Cincinnati District comprising the Muskingum, Big Sandy and Kentucky rivers. Col. W. P. Stokely, engineer in charge of this district, has been transferred to San Antonio, Texas, to become engineer officer of the Southern Division, and will eventually go to France.

The promotion of Mr. Thomas carries with it a substantial increase in salary. His advancement to this high post comes after nearly thirty-five years as Assistant Engineer. It is a fitting recognition of faithful service, real ability, and good results, all of which obtain in his case. Such a promotion for a civilian is unusual in this department of the government service and no higher compliment could be paid Mr. Thomas than this action on the part of the high officials who have been attracted by his record.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for Lawrence county, Ky., to be held at Louisa April 27, 1918 to fill the position of rural carrier at Louisa and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county, and who meet the other requirements set forth in form N. 977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practical date.

During the continuance of the present war the Commission will, in accordance with the request of the Post Office Department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

VISITORS FROM SAN ANTONIO

On Sunday last Mr. George F. Wright, general manager for one of the biggest automobile concerns in the Southwest, accompanied by Mr. Walter DeMarra, a salesman for the same firm, arrived in this city for a short visit to Mr. Wright's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Wright. They left on Monday for their home in San Antonio, Texas. During his stay in Louisa Mr. DeMarra made many friends by his pleasant personality and agreeable manner.

MRS. M. H. HOUSTON.

Ashland, Ky., April 6.—Mrs. Matthew Henry Houston, chairman of War Relief Work in Kentucky, will represent the state in this work at the National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be held in Washington this month. Mrs. Houston was active in her effort to secure contributions from nearly every chapter of the D. A. R. in Kentucky to swell the \$100,000 Liberty bond fund.

RED CROSS COMMITTEE MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

Attention is called to the regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross executive committee and sub-committees on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Red Cross rooms in the Mounts building. These committees meet on the third Tuesday evening in each month.

JOHN M. SAGRAVES IS GOING TO FRANCE

John M. Sagraves, a native of Whitehouse, Johnson county, and formerly in the hardware business in Paintsville will go to France as a Y. M. C. A. worker. He is well known throughout the Big Sandy Valley. We do not know of anyone better adapted to Y. M. C. A. work.

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVED

The improvements on the M. E. church have been completed and the first services were held Sunday morning. In addition to a new roof there is a new floor and attractive pews and a nice carpet. The walls have been tinted and the woodwork varnished. The interior presents a very much improved appearance and is quite pleasing in effect.

RETURNED TO PRESTONSBURG

Mrs. Job Spurlock was taken back to her home at Prestonsburg Friday, after having been in the hospital here. She has cancer and the physicians decided an operation would not give her relief. She was accompanied by her brother, Congressman John W. Langley and wife and other relatives.

STREET PAVING

An officer in the State Roads department came to Louisa recently to see about aiding the paving proposition as adopted by the City Council and reported favorably upon it. Maps are being prepared to be sent to Frankfort.

PATRIOTIC ACTION OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

The young people of the senior class of Louisa High school and Kentucky Normal College have decided to sacrifice the pleasure of public commencement exercises, announcements, invitations, class pins or rings, graduating dresses or suits, presents to fellow classmates, decorations and other delights of the commencement season, in order that they may devote an amount of money equal to the entire cost of these things to the patriotic purpose of buying U. S. Liberty Bonds.

The roll of the graduating class of 1918 is as follows: Miss Aithen-Silver, Miss Virginia Hager, Miss Helen Carter, Miss Marie Byington, Mr. Luther Atkins, Mr. Tommie Taylor, Mr. Fred O'Neal, Mr. Dewey Osborn, Mr. Roy Runyon, and Mr. James Ferguson.

Several of the class have already subscribed for their bonds of the third Liberty Loan, and the others will do so before the sale closes. These young people deserve commendation for showing their patriotism in this practical way and for setting us older ones such an excellent example of sacrifice.

BIG SANDY BOY WOUNDED IN FRANCE

A telegram received today from the War Department by Julius Spears, of Lowmansville, Johnson county, says his son, Arbie, Spears, was wounded in action on the Western front in France. He is a corporal.

This is the first casualty amongst the Big Sandy boys at the front.

WM. COOKSEY SELLS STORE

The Ashland Independent of Tuesday had the following to say of a native of Lawrence county, who has been a very successful merchant:

William Cooksey has sold his merchandise and fixtures to Isaac Richmond and Co. of Prestonsburg and I. B. Cooksey of Grayson. They will move the goods and fixtures away. So far Mr. Cooksey has made no disposition of the business room which he has a long lease on but is figuring with three different parties and will perhaps close the deal tonight.

The Cooksey family have been residents of our city for the past year and they have been quite an acquisition to Ashland. Splendid business people and socially held in the highest esteem.

Mr. Cooksey on coming here bought a beautiful home on Montgomery avenue facing the park and while he does not state just what business he is going into, yet it is probable that he and his family will not leave this city. Their son and daughter, are being educated in the Ashland High School which they consider a most excellent school. However, we cannot state definitely just what Mr. Cooksey will do nor where he will locate. But we trust they will continue to reside in this city.

JUDGE JAS. P. HARRIS SUICIDES AT PRESTONSBURG

Prestonsburg, April 5.—James P. Harris, former Judge of Floyd County, and an aged and well to do citizen of East Prestonsburg, went across the river about 9 o'clock this morning, tied one end of a rope around his neck and the other end to the railroad bridge and fell 70 feet. He was killed instantly. Mr. Harris had recently suffered two light strokes of paralysis.

HENRY FORD'S "BIT."

Detroit, April 8.—More than \$15,000,000 for the third Liberty loan was subscribed in Detroit during the first four hours of the local drive today. This total officially announced, equaled the amount obtained during the first six days of the second loan campaign. Henry Ford subscribed \$6,000,000, and a subscription of \$1,000,000 was made by John P. Dodge, and Horace E. Dodge local automobile manufacturers. Detroit's drive is \$38,000,000.

FIRST CALL FOR SECOND DRAFT

The first call for the second draft will require the following number of men from each county: Boyd, 25; Carter, 26; Breathitt, 24; Elliott, 18; Floyd, 30; Greenup, 23; Johnson, 25; Knott, 14; Lawrence, 18; Letcher, 27; Lee, 14; Magaffin, 17; Martin, 10; Pike, 60.

Also the following number of negroes: Boyd, 5; Floyd, 5; Johnson, 1; Lawrence, 5; Magaffin, 1.

OVER THE TOP IN MASONIC CIRCLES

If Otto Garton shows the speed in the army that he has in Masonry he will land in Berlin with both feet about the 4th of July. He was initiated a year or two ago at Louisa and now he is taking the 32nd degree and the Scottish Rites route at Meridian, Miss.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The Red Cross drive for \$100,000,000 will begin May 20 and, last a week. Campaign managers for Eastern Kentucky have been appointed as follows:

K. L. Varney, Pikeville; A. T. Patrick, Prestonsburg; E. J. Evans, Paintsville; B. E. Adams, Louisa; M. M. Price, Salyersville.

COMPARISON OF THE BIG BATTLE NOW ON

GERMAN RUSH STOPPED AND HIS PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS ARE DECREASING.

Frank H. Simonds sizes up the situation on the great battle in France as more and more unfavorable to the Germans. He says:

The German is in trouble. He has won a battle and not a campaign, when nothing less than a campaign can satisfy his needs. His chances of winning the campaign are not improving visibly as the days go by.

Before Verdun the German center made tremendous gains in the first rush; after the first rush operations were suspended in the center until the German could get rid of the flanking fire from Dead Man's Hill and Fort DeVaux. He spent all March, April and May in eliminating these dark difficulties. By the time he was ready to go on in the center, the Russians had attacked in Galicia and the British were about ready to attack in Picardy. The German had to continue to Verdun because he had spent a year in concentrating material and guns at this point. He was bound to attack with the hope of crushing the French before the British were ready, and he could not prepare to attack anywhere but at Verdun in less than six months. When a high command had directed all its resources to a single sector for a grand offensive, it must continue on that front or abandon the offensive everywhere for that period of weeks and even of months. Today the German is bound to attack because if he does not attack the American numbers will presently give the allies a decisive advantage on the West front. He would need to be compelled to attack in Picardy because over many months he has prepared his attack on this front, but in Picardy his difficulties are tremendous. He has a desert behind him, he has a swamp about him and in front of him he has enemies strongly entrenched on the high ground and in positions which they have held for two weeks.

Amiens—So Near, But Yet So Far.

On the map the Germans look desperately near Amiens, but they were six miles nearer to Verdun on the 26th day of February, 1916, and in the next six months they only advanced a mile and a half. Unless Hindenburg can break the sides of the angle the German offensive in Picardy will be stopped. To break the sides the Germans must sacrifice many thousands of men as they sacrificed other thousands on the Meuse.

Another and Greater Verdun Campaign

We seem to be at the beginning of another Verdun with greater stakes, vastly greater forces engaged and a far wider front involved, but the problem seems the same. The German has rushed into a salient between the French and British armies. He can not hammer his way through at the point of the salient, but must break down the sides and so far all efforts have ended in complete defeat.

The German is endeavoring to separate the French and the British armies and roll the British back on Calais and Boulogne. But he is not making any progress in this direction since the end of the first week.

Harry Lewis Passes Away

Harry Lewis died Sunday night of a lingering and painful illness of many months. Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. The funeral took place Tuesday morning at the Baptist church. Rev. Bostwick of the M. E. church preached the funeral and Rev. Gauch assisted in the service. The burial took place in Pulaskian cemetery.

Only the wife survives. She is the only daughter of Mr. W. H. Adams, the Louisa merchant. Mr. Lewis was a native of North Carolina but was living at Columbus, Ohio at the time of his marriage, about three years ago. His age was 28 years. He was a young man of good character and correct habits. His health had not been good for quite a while previous to his death.

The relatives request us to extend their appreciation of the assistance extended by friends during the illness and funeral of Mr. Lewis.

MECHANICS GOING FROM LOUISA TO THE ARMY

On next Sunday morning the following young men from Lawrence county will leave Louisa for Indianapolis, to enter the U. S. Army service as automobile mechanics: Aden T. See, of Louisa; Lindsey G. Ferguson, of Louisa; Roy P. Bartlett, of Richardson; Arthur E. Cain, of Louisa is an alternate, but is not expected to go now. Aden See is a volunteer, but the others are called from class one. They will get special training for two months.

GERMAN "DEAD" LANGUAGE

Ashland, Ky., April 5.—Strong opposition on the part of Ashland citizens caused the Board of Education to cast overboard forever German in the Ashland public schools. It was the intention to weed it out, but strong protest from the citizens caused them to root it out forever and instantly.

PATRIOTISM IN CINCINNATI

It is a thrilling sight to visit the large cities and see the business men working at top speed at the various things connected with winning the war. And it looks like everybody is helping them in the Liberty Bond sales and Red Cross work and other avenues. Patriotism is evident everywhere. There are some disloyal ones, of course, but they are now working under cover. Everybody else is showing his colors by his work and enthusiasm.

In Cincinnati this week a large bell on Fountain Square attracts much attention and its tones carry a peculiar thrill to the heart of the passerby as he sees a sailor or a soldier pulling the rope that sends forth its liberty peals.

The intensity of feeling there is illustrated by the case of a dress fitter in one of the largest stores. Recently a woman of German blood had bought a dress there and was being fitted. The subject of the war came up and the customer made a disloyal remark. The fitter indignantly refused to proceed with the fitting, although realizing it meant taking a chance of losing the good position she held and needed so badly. The incident did not reach the ears of the proprietor, as the German woman evidently was afraid to report it. A few days later a man and his wife entered the store and inquired for the proprietor and told him his wife did not need a suit, but he would buy one if she could be fitted by the woman who had refused to fit the German woman. The proprietor was surprised and went to the fitting department and inquired who among them had refused the fitting. The woman stepped out expecting to be discharged, instead she was told the facts and gladly proceeded to fit the loyal woman. A few days later while on a street car, going from her home in Covington to her work in the store, a man sat down beside her and began to read a German paper. Her war spirit began to surge within her and by the time the car had made a few blocks she could no longer control herself. She snatched the paper from his hands and tore it into bits and ordered him to get out of the seat, which he did, amidst the applause given the woman by the people in the car.

Cincinnati has had so much trouble with pro-Germans that loyal people are aroused to the highest pitch.

Louisa and Fort Gay people are proud of the fact that a native of these sister towns has been at the head of the great liberty bond drive in Cincinnati. Mr. T. Davis, a vice-president of the First National Bank, is the man we refer to. The sales on the first and second issues exceeded the enormous quota. The mark for the third issue is set at twenty millions or more for Cincinnati and the sales of the first day amounted to \$3,500,000. "Tom" Davis, as we called him when a schoolboy in Louisa, has made good in Cincinnati. He is one of the big bankers there.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Frankfort, Ky., April 8. Johnson vs. Johnson, Pike; motion to be permitted to file supersedeas bond sustained and supersedeas order to be filed.

Continental Fuel Co. vs. Haden, Pike motion to file reply brief sustained and brief ordered to be filed.

Williamson vs. Williamson, Pike; motion for cross appeal passed to merits.

C. O. vs. Coleman, Pike; agreement; appellant May 1, appellee June 1 to file brief.

Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company vs. Rowland Johnson, agreement; appellant given to May 1, appellee to June 1 to file brief.

Thompson vs. Taylor, Lawrence; appellant filed additional record, consisting of supersedeas bond and supersedeas.

Cook vs. Clark, Pike; agreement; appellant April 15, appellee May 1 to file briefs.

FALLSBURG.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely.

There will be a two-weeks meeting at Long Branch, beginning the last Saturday night. Everybody come.

Charley Woods and Ward Womack passed through our town last week enroute to their home.

A. Collinsworth and son, Charley, went to Macken last week to look after their cattle.

Josephine and Matalie Fugate attended Sunday school here Sunday last. Lizzie Austin was calling on her sister, Mrs. John Cooksey, a few days last week.

Miss Dina Lambert, of Long Branch, has gone to Huntington to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Charley Jackson.

Mrs. Green Queen and Miss Lambert were in our town a few days ago on business.

Miss Zona O'Daniel was calling on Mrs. Lawrence Sunday last.

Herman O'Daniel, who has been very ill for several weeks, remains unimproved.

Mrs. Armino Fugate receives a letter every week from her son, John D. who is serving in the war service.

Charley Shortridge, who has been ill for some time, is better at this writing.

Miss Bessie Casey and Lon Carter, of Yatesville, attended Sunday school at this place last Sunday.

Rev. Conley delivered a very interesting sermon here last Sunday.

Rich Workman, of Mucker, was in our town last Saturday.

Don't forget our Sunday school at this place at